5/22/72

Dear Larry,

The package you sent Friday got here today. So did the one you sent Jim reach him. It was helpful to me, including several things not, to my knowledge, otherwise reported. So, with a couple of other things I picked up over the weekend, I hit the horn to the Literary Gazette, which agrees on the value of making the insertions. They like the opus and will have to decide on space and prominence before going further.

Bob is either the laziest or the fattest or the most honest of the reporters at Laurel when Wallace got it. He said he was ten feet away, the only one I know to admit more than four feet. And he said nothing else. I'd been expecting to hear from him but haven't. Not on this.

I heard from Jerry Ray today. He is at Box 137, West Chicago 60815; 312/231-4850. I told him that when you have time you'll be in touch with him. I also told him to say NOTHING for publication, so be prepared for this. I regard it as a legal essential, especially at this critical time for both his brothers.

In John's legal situation, there is what I think is an important story. Jim is getting copies of the court of appeals decision and the petition cert to the Supreme Court. When he does we ll be able to supply copies. You might, when you can, speak to your legal reporter on the precedent involved, a very bad one. The petition is 50 pp. long. If you want a copy sooner, the lawyer may have one. He is Robert A. Hampe, 7 N 7 St. L., office phone 621-1701. He says that as a result of the inadequate legal work in the lowest court most of the possibilities of appeal have been wasted and that the decision of the court of appeals is incredible. He seems deeply and genuinely concerned, which befits a man dedicated to the law and justice. And with no precedent he could find, he said he was reduced to arguing analogy. He appears to have done an extensive research job. That is a long petition.

Your paper's play on the attack on Wallace was the most extensive and best I've seen. Thanks for sending the entire first section. The xeroxes included another incredible self-condemnation of the FBI. When they found 9mm bullets at the apt and didn't search the car for such a pistol, my God! And from the stories hereabouts, the McGovern literature seems to have been not in the car but under the wiper blade, just distributed. Trust the FBI. Which reminds, please don't forget the dated and times AP story on its source for the allegation that Bremer had left connections. And will the time be that of the dateline on the story, as I presume?

Jerry is looking for a job, so probably he'll be busy most days first looking for one and then on it. He knows I'm writing you to tell you how to reach him.

Thanks and best,